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THE CIA BUDGET could be made public for the first time, its chief said.

Admiral Stansfield Turner told the Senate Intelligence Committee Carter has ordered him not to oppose publication of the budget, traditionally hidden in the costs of the Pentagon and other agencies. He said the overall cost could be issued, despite some risk, but warned a cost breakdown would be helpful to the nation's enemies. Turner made it clear, however, such disclosure is regarded with distaste within the agency.

There is strong sentiment in Congress that eroded public support for the intelligence community could be restored if costs were exposed, and some critics contend withholding the figures is unconstitutional.

Turner also confirmed that he had fired two agents who helped former agency officers obtain explosives and other equipment for overseas sale.

FBI Director Clarence Kelley, meantime, told a Senate subcommittee it is unfair to prosecute a former FBI agent for illegal surveillance when similar activities by CIA agents go unpunished. He called for a review of an indictment charging a former supervisor with illegal activities in the investigation of domestic subversives.

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